

McCarthy joins the Franklin University Leadership Center as First Leader-In-Residence

A renowned business and military leader has joined Franklin University's Leadership Center as the organization's first Leader-In-Residence. Lieutenant General Dennis McCarthy, USMC (Retired) — Executive Director of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States — will be applying his experiences in helping the Center plan, develop, and support Leadership Development Programs for the growing number of central Ohio organizations it serves.

"General McCarthy is a perfect fit for our mission, which is to raise the level of leadership among central Ohio's business, community, education, and government organizations," said Paul Otte, Executive Director of the Leadership Center. "As our first Leader-In-Residence, he will help us define the position so we can eventually expand the program by adding other leaders."

Several universities have Leaders-In-Residence programs: Auburn University, The Citadel, University of Colorado at Boulder, Gettysburg College, Northwestern University, University of Richmond, and Temple University, to name a few. Serving the business community makes Franklin's program unique.

Initially, the Leadership Center plans for General McCarthy to serve as a featured speaker for its host of programs, including the annual Leadership Symposium and the monthly Hall Leadership Lessons. The Center also expects McCarthy to share his leadership philosophy through articles published by the Leadership Center and in other professional journals.

"Good leaders are in short supply today, but there is no shortage of leadership potential," according to General McCarthy. "When I finish my service with the Reserve Officers Association in 2010, I expect to be even more involved with the Leadership Center in helping organizations identify and develop their leaders.

In addition to his decorated military career, McCarthy was engaged in the private practice of law for more than 20 years in Columbus and currently serves as a board member of several organizations. He is well known to many business, community, and government leaders in central Ohio and throughout the nation.

Founded in 2003, the Franklin University Leadership serves organizations, teams, and individuals who want to take their leadership to a higher level. The Center's online resources — a collection of presentations and articles from past speakers and authors — are available to anyone interested in leadership development: leadership.franklin.edu.